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A communication resource for clergy and lay leaders
in the Diocese of Chicago

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NEWS

Chicago's children remembered at Requiem at St. James Cathedral



The 53 Chicago area children who died by violence over the past year were remembered in a Requiem for the Children Mass at St. James Cathedral on All Souls Day, November 2. Bishop Jeffrey Lee in his welcoming remarks stressed that "it will take all of us" in faith groups, families, government, outreach agencies and business to stem the tide of violence that has taken so many children's lives. His concern was

echoed by Donald Malone, community relations director for the Chicago Public Schools, who said everyone has to step forward and do more. "One person standing up can have a real effect throughout the city," he said.

Among the 150 people attending were two-dozen children and youth from Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church on Chicago's South Side who brought forward votive candles to be lit remembrance of the children. As they brought the candles forward and placed them on the high altar, the Cathedral Choir sang the cantata, Lamentations, composed by cathedral choir member Paul W. Thompson.

During the cantata's concluding part three, the full assembly was invited to light a taper from the Paschal candle fire, and place it in a sand-filled basin or box in memory of a loved one who has died.

A few days earlier Bishop Lee issued a [statement](#) on the toll of violence in Chicago. A list of [resources](#) for preventing violence, and assisting those affected is available on the diocesan website and accompanies this edition of Connect.

The Diocese of Chicago and the Cathedral have been leading voices against the violence in Chicago, most notably in 1993 when violence claimed the lives of 61 Chicago children. A memorial cross, created by the children of St. James Cathedral, was erected on the diocesan and cathedral

NOTEBOOK

CONGRATULATIONS

TO EVERYONE

WHO VOTED

Get ready for our Convention

The 171st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago will be held Friday, **November 21** and Saturday, **November 22, 2008** at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. For information on the schedule, registration, resolutions, nominations, and learning opportunities visit the convention web page. (Information will be posted as it becomes available)

Pre-Convention Meetings

Four regional meetings have been scheduled for clergy and lay members to hear from Bishop Lee and share their experiences of being the church in their congregations, agencies, organizations, workplaces, and communities. Copies of the 2009 budget, resolutions, and nominations will be available. The first meeting was held October 29 at St. Simon's, Arlington Heights. For information on the meetings contact David Skidmore (312) 751-4207 or Vicki Garvey (312) 751-4204.

Thursday, November 6

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

900 Normal, DeKalb, IL
6:30 pm gathering and check-in
7 pm to 9 pm program

Saturday, November 8

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

61st Street & S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL
9 am gathering and check-in
9:30 am to 11:30 am program

center plaza in 1994 bearing the names of all 61 children. Created by the children of the cathedral, the cross was dedicated Easter 1994, and stood on the plaza for four years. It is now mounted outside the cathedral sacristy as a reminder of our calling as Christians to be peacemakers.

Hunger Committee awards CROP Walk funds to area ministries

The diocesan Hunger Committee has designated proceeds from the 2007 Chicago CROP Hunger Walk to eleven diocesan feeding programs. Five Chicago-based programs will receive \$245 each; and six programs based outside Chicago will each receive \$200. Chicago recipients include

- Care for Real (an ecumenical pantry with ties to Church of the Atonement)
- Church of the Advent Feeding Program
- Primo Center for Women and Children
- Messiah-St. Bartholomew Development Center
- St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Pantry (an ecumenical pantry founded by Episcopalians)

Recipients outside Chicago include

- Church of the Holy Spirit Food Pantry, Lake Forest
- Second Family Food Pantry of St. Nicholas Church, Elk Grove Village
- Puente Latino at Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe, Waukegan
- Christ Church Community Meal Program, Waukegan
- St. Clement's Open Pantry & Jubilee Center, Harvey
- United Churches of Galena Food Pantry (an ecumenical pantry with ties to Grace Church)

These funds were raised by parishioners from St. James Cathedral and other Episcopalians who participated in the annual Walk sponsored by Church World Service. The Chicago CROP Walk, is one of 2000 CROP Walks held each year in communities throughout the USA including many in northern Illinois outside Chicago. Twenty-five percent of the Walk funds raised benefit local agencies. Seventy-five percent of the funds are used to fight global hunger (including work in the USA) through Church World Service, Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran World Relief, UNICEF, and many other global agencies...as designated by donors.

Thursday, November 13
St. Benedict's Episcopal Church
909 Lily Cache Lane, Bolingbrook, IL
6:30 pm gathering and check-in
7 pm to 9 pm program

Schedule for Bishop of Renk, Sudan

Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, newly installed bishop of Renk Diocese, Episcopal Church of Sudan, and our companion diocese partner, will be attending the diocesan convention November 21 and 22. He will be visiting and preaching at several congregations during his three-week visit here:

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 am - Eucharist at Grace Church, Galena
9:00 am - Worship at Wartburg Lutheran Seminary

Thursday, November 6

6:00 pm - Eucharist at St. Peter's, Sycamore.
Bishop Garang will preach.

Sunday, November 9

10:00 am - Emmanuel Church, LaGrange, Bishop Garang will preach.

Sunday, November 16

Grace Church, Oak Park, preach

Sunday, November 23

10:00 am - All Saints', Chicago. Bishop Garang will preach.

1:00 pm - Bishop Garang will be celebrant at service at St. Paul's Church by-the-Lake, Chicago for a Sudanese Community Service.

Convention volunteers needed

YOU can help make our Diocesan Convention a welcoming event for everyone!

How, you ask? By serving as a volunteer. Opportunities abound for everything from helping with registration to holding up signs directing people to various events. You're welcome to help out as much or as little as you're able. To volunteer, or, if you have questions, contact Beau Surratt, Volunteer Coordinator, at beau@allsaintschicago.org or 773-561-0111.



Archbishop Tutu offers enthusiasm to some "very special people," our youth

Archbishop Desmond Tutu brought his enthusiasm and conscience for a justice oriented church to an interfaith breakfast meeting at Chicago's Intercontinental

Hotel Friday Oct. 23, and later that morning to Chicago youth gathered at Chase Auditorium in the Loop for a leadership development seminar.

Archbishop Tutu was honored for his human rights and reconciliation work and efforts to raise awareness around HIV/AIDS by the Chicago Center for Cultural Connections, the breakfast sponsor and seminar sponsor. The archbishop offered his thanks to the faith groups in the United States for their steady support in the campaign to end apartheid in South Africa and win freedom there for people of color. "It is a freedom we would never have gotten without the help of the international community, without the help of so many of you who were involved in the anti-apartheid struggle," he said.

Archbishop Tutu urged those present to continue to work for peace and an end to poverty, noting "just a small fraction of the money spent on weapons" would ensure clean water, decent homes and a quality education for all families. He also spoke to the need for unity among cultures and faiths in the work for justice: "The divine embrace is one that leaves no one outside," he said. "Do you understand all?" he asked, as he recited a litany of groups.

He noted that the breakfast gathering included families who had lost loved ones to violence in Chicago: "Please go away from here knowing there are people who are praying enormously and what a different kind of Chicago, a Chicago where everyone will be safe."

Bishop Jeffrey Lee was among three faith leaders offering the blessing of the meal, and joined 14 diocesan youth and the canon for youth and young adult ministries, Sue Cromer, and youth minister Charles Murphy at the Chase Auditorium seminar. At the seminar, Archbishop Tutu reved up the assembly with his trademark wit, and vigor, leading the group in dance moves. "God does not make rubbish; God makes masterpieces," he told the youth. "You are a masterpiece, maybe not now. But you are a masterpiece in the making."

Clergy Spouse/Partner Luncheon

Lisa Lee and Marcia Scantlebury are hosting a luncheon for clergy spouses and partners at Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 22 in Lilac B and D of the Westin Hotel Lombard. This is by invitation only. If you are a spouse or partner of a clergy person and have not received an invitation contact Anne Cothran in the bishop's office (312) 751-4217
acothran@episcopalchicago.org

CALENDAR

Grace House luncheon

Grace House, a ministry to women released from the prison system, will have a luncheon and special presentation featuring Grace House residents on **Thursday, November 6** at 11:30 am at the Chicago Urban League, 4510 S. Michigan, Chicago. Grace House is a ministry of St. Leonard's Ministries. For information call (312) 733-5363.

Conference on Faith, Policy and Social Justice

A conference on Social Justice and Human Rights: Social Science, Public Policy, and Christian Faith in Conversation will be held **Thursday, November 6 through Saturday, November 8** at the University of Chicago. The conference is being held in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Dec. 10, 1948; and is being sponsored by Brent House, the Episcopal campus ministry at the University of Chicago; and by InterVarsity. Presentation topics include the PBS documentary, Traces of the Trade; The Place of Religion in Civil Society; Human Rights: Religious versus Secular Foundations; Violence against Women and Children: What do we do?; and Justice and Love: What Are the Connections?. Presentation venues will be on the campus of the University of Chicago. For more information visit the [conference website](#)

Presentation on Rwanda health mission

Everyone in Rwanda has Posttraumatic Stress Disorder due to the genocide that occurred there. With only two psychiatrists in the whole country, many women and children are not being treated. Drs. Lisa Rone and Kristen Underhill Welch provided training last summer to Rwanda healthcare workers on assessing and treating people with PTSD. They will be sharing their experiences in this event on **Friday, November 7** from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral Counseling Center, 50 E. Washington Street, Suite 301. It's free, but those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to 312-252-9500 x110 as refreshments will be served.

Winter Farmers Market

On **Saturday, November 8**, from 9am - 1pm Church of the Holy Nativity in Chicago will be hosting a Winter Farmer's Market and Farm Fresh Brunch in support of the

CLERGY NEWS

The Rev. Peter Irvine, assistant at Christ Church, Waukegan, was married to Janet Collins on October 25.

The Rev. William Roberts of St. Gregory's, Deerfield has been awarded a Lily Endowment grant for a three month study overseas of church renewal and evangelism programs. His itinerary includes stops in Bangor, Wales to study the Welsh language, visit parishes and interview people in the Dioceses of St. Davids and Llandaff; London where he will learn about the emergent church Moot program at St. Matthew's; Paris to refresh his French language skills; and Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar where he will visit parishes and lead a three-day training for clergy, evangelists and lay leaders. During his absence the parish's vicar, the Rev. Meredith Potter, will lead Sunday services and coordinate pastoral ministry.

Institutions

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **the Rev. Steven Godfrey** as rector of St. Martin, Des Plaines on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm.

Retired Clergy Gathering

The retired clergy in the Diocese of Chicago are invited to a gathering with Bishop Jeffrey Lee and Bishop Victor Scantlebury. The gathering is on **Thursday November 6** at St. Mary's Church in Park Ridge (306 Prospect Ave). The day begins with a celebration of the Eucharist, lunch and conversation follows. Please reserve a place before November 3 (needed for meal planning). Contact the Rev. Dru Green at dlf971@sbcglobal.net or 630-482-2911.

Pray for:

The Rev. D. Maria Neighbors
Linda Rasicci
The Rev. Gary Fertig
Deacon Steve Lowe
Maddux Rienton
Tom Mauro

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The week of November 9, 2008

Thanksgivings are offered for the ecumenical relationships between the Churches in Full Communion with the Episcopal Church: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

Harvest of Hope Fund.

Winter Farmers Market Benefits *for the* Harvest of Hope Fund is the primary project of Churches' Center for Land and People (CCLP), a licensed 501 (c)(3) organization started during the 1980s farm crisis, and sponsored by nine denominations. Church of the Holy Nativity is located at 9300 Pleasant Avenue, Chicago, IL. From 95th St. (IL 20/12) turn North onto Damen for 2 blocks, turn East onto 93rd St. for 2 blocks to Pleasant. The Market will be through the red doors on 93rd St. in Baker Hall.

in Darfur reading at Spertus

The American Refugee Committee will present the first-ever reading in Chicago of Winter Miller's acclaimed play, *In Darfur*, on **Wednesday, November 12** at the Feinberg Theater at the Spertus Institute, 610 s. Michigan Ave., Chicago. The reading begins at 7 pm and is directed by Lisa Portes. A post-play discussion follows. For tickets call the Spertus box office (312) 322-1773.

Bonhoeffer film at Siskel center

The Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St. Chicago, will give an encore presentation to the award winning documentary film *BONHOEFFER*, on **Monday November 10** at 8:15 pm. Bonhoeffer is the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the young German theologian and Nazi resister, who was imprisoned and executed in 1944.

The film, which broke box office records at the Film Center when it premiered in 2003, is being shown in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, when Germans went on a rampage destroying Jewish synagogues and businesses.

Following the showing there will be a discussion with filmmaker, Martin Doblmeier, and religion scholar Martin Marty.

Breakfast on refugee policy and sponsorship

John Denaro of Episcopal Migration Ministry and Ana White of the Governmental Relations Office of The Episcopal Church will speak at a breakfast **Wednesday November 12** at the Episcopal Church Center, Chicago. The breakfast begins at 8 am in Burrill Hall and is being hosted by Episcopal Charities and Community Services. Denaro is church sponsorship and media development officer for EMM, and White is immigration and refugee policy analyst for the Governmental Relations Office. For information contact Georgianna Gleason at (312) 751-6720 or gleason@eccsonline.net

Ecumenical Network for the Diaconate annual conference

Please join Deacon Michael Kitt as deacons from the Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and United Methodist traditions gather for the annual conference of The Ecumenical Network for the Diaconate **Friday, November 14** Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 9711 West Devon, Rosemont, IL

The Rev. Brian Hastings will be the keynote speaker as he talks about "sustaining our spirituality". There will also be a panel of deacons from each faith tradition, speaking

America; Church of North India; Church of South India; Church of Pakistan; Church of Bangladesh; the Old Catholic Churches; the Philippine Independent Church and the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

Church Briefs

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Elgin is observing the 150th anniversary of its founding this year. The observance of Redeemer's sesquicentennial will culminate on December 13, with a festive bi-lingual Eucharist that will be co-celebrated by Bishop Lee and Bishop Scantlebury followed by a dinner at Elgin Community College.

St. Clement in Harvey will celebrate 110 years of ministry on Sunday Nov. 23 with Eucharist at 11 am; and a banquet at 3 pm. Call the parish office for more information (708) 528-9862.

Holy Family, Lake Villa will be hosting Spanish-language services for a fledgling Hispanic fellowship being organized by leaders of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Waukegan. The fellowship will hold its first service on Sunday, November 9 at the Holy Family church. The fellowship had been holding services at St. Andrew's, Grayslake this past summer but increasing attendance led the coordinators to seek out a larger space.

Grace Church in Pontiac has received a \$20,000 grant from Episcopal Relief and Development to assist two families displaced by the flooding this fall.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION is **November 21 and 22, 2008**. The online registration link is on the [Diocesan Convention](#) webpage. Late fee registration is now in effect. Deadline for filing nominations and resolutions has expired. Sponsors wishing to file late resolutions are responsible for reproducing sufficient copies for clergy and delegates and arranging distribution.

A convention mailing with resolutions and nominees in early November. See the attached list of Pre-Convention Meetings or visit the [convention page](#) for the meeting schedule. **Learning Opportunities** description and schedule have been posted on the diocesan website with a link from the [convention page](#). The page also has links to the resolutions and nominations.

TRAINING

Keeping God's People Safe

Level 1: Tuesday November 11

St. Andrew's, Downers Grove 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
The session takes place at St. Andrew Episcopal Church: 1125 Franklin Street; Downers Grove IL 60515-3551. To register, please contact the Parish Office email@saintandrewschurch.net or (630) 968-9188.

on the "Theology of our Diaconal Ministry". The Rev. Scott Elliot will speak to this on behalf of Episcopal deacons.

See the attached information and registration form.
Questions: Contact Michael Kitts at mkittskitt@cs.com.

Fair Trade Bazaar

St. Richard's Episcopal Church at 5101 W. Devon, Chicago will hold a Fair Trade holiday bazaar with Ten Thousand Villages on **Saturday November 15** (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) and **Sunday November 16** (10:00-1:00 p.m.) Ten thousand villages is a fair trade store that features hand made crafts, and decorations from around the world. All proceeds will go to Ten Thousand Villages. For More information call Rev. Fran Holliday at 773-774-4519. Parking is available and complementary fair trade coffee will be served.

Fair Trade Fair at Holy Comforter, Kenilworth

Church of the Holy Comforter's Youth Group, in collaboration with Ten Thousand Villages, is hosting a "Fair Trade" Fair on **Sunday, November 23**, from 8:30am-1:00 pm in their parish hall at 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth. Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit fair trade organization, provides vital, affair income to Third World people by marketing their products and telling their stories in North American. Open to the public. For info, call 847/251-6120.

St. Nicholas Ball benefit for ECCS

The annual St. Nicholas Ball benefitting Episcopal Charities and Community Services will be held **Friday December 5** at the Palmer House hotel in Chicago. The benefit begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6:30 pm followed by the dinner and live auction at 7:45 pm. Among the items for silent auction are a selection of creches from around the world. The black-tie optional event concludes with dancing. Bishop Jeffrey Lee and his wife Lisa are the benefit hosts.

Tickets are available at different levels of support (Friend (1 ticket) \$200; Sustainer (2 tickets) \$500; Sponsor (4 tickets) \$1,000; Patron (10 tickets) \$2,500). Guests under 30 years may attend at the Partner level (\$100). The Palmer House is at 17 E. Monroe St. Valet parking is available at the Wabash entrance for \$26. For more information: info@eccsonline.net

"I want to be ready" Advent Retreat

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) and Genesis (Diocesan Task Force for Black Congregations) is inviting members of the diocese to participate in an Advent Retreat **Friday December 5 through Sunday December 7** at St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake, Wis. The retreat is focused on the current state and future of black congregations and leadership within our diocese.

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will join the retreat for a special session. Retreat leaders are the Rev. Christopher Griffin and the Rev. Juan Reed. For information on the abbey: www.benetlake.org/retreat.asp

The retreat cost is \$160 per person. Reserve your space

RESOURCES

Episcopal Life weekly bulletin insert

Episcopal Life Weekly bulletin inserts for November 9 contain excerpts from the sermon preached by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori at the Day of Repentance during which she offered an apology for the Episcopal Church's historic collusion in the institution of slavery. [More information.](#)

Welcome posters for congregations

Jennifer Gamber of the Diocese of Bethlehem has created a set of Welcome Posters for her diocese and is now offering them to congregations in other dioceses. The Welcome Posters are a set of seven (7) 11" x 17" posters that correspond to the liturgical seasons of the church year meant to help churches welcome newcomers to their church and to remind current members about the seasons of the church year. A number of the posters feature the work of Episcopal artists. Subscriptions cost \$35 a year. Subscribers receive seven posters in pdf file format customized with their own church name. The posters can be printed in house or by a local printer.

Gamber is also working with a printer in Bethlehem who can mail out printed sets for an additional cost. The 2008-2009 set of posters are at <http://www.episcopalposters.org/>. There are also coordinating postcards available for Christmas, Easter and the beginning of the school year. For information contact Jennifer at jenifercgamber@rcn.com

Volunteers needed for Cathedral Shelter

Every year, Cathedral Shelter's awesome team of volunteers make hope possible by sharing the joy of Christmas with over 1,500 struggling families throughout the city. The ECCS agency is again scheduling energetic volunteers for the 2008 Christmas Basket season, Dec. 1 through 16. Fifteen to 20 volunteers are needed during each distribution day to ensure that the Christmas Basket Program is run cost-efficiently and that our resources are best directed to helping those most in need. Positions include truck teams and drivers, check-in assistants, and warehouse workers.

Click here for [more details](#), or contact Jason Jones at jjones@cathedralshelter.org or 312.997.2222, ext. 238.

POSITION OPENINGS

Christian Education Director

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Wilmette is seeking a half-time Director of Christian Education who will enable our children and youth to know, to love and to serve God. The Director of Christian Education will continue and expand the strong programs already in place; be actively involved with our children and youth each Sunday morning; and lead in the recruitment, training and support of volunteers in all our programs. The candidate will have demonstrated success in directing children and/or youth programs and is a committed Christian who upholds the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Mail or email resume to: The Rev. David C. Musgrave at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091 or dmusgrave@ync.net

Visit St. Augustine's website for complete job description. <http://www.staschurch.org/>

Site Director for New Communities Program

This is a parttime position funded for 12 months through the New Communities Program by the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) and is a collaboration with LISC, Malcolm X College and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association. The Site Director will be primarily responsible for the overall supervision of the facility during the adult education classes held on Monday evening and Saturday morning. The Site Director will be able to expand his/her work schedule to include Wednesday evening at some point

for \$50, with Union of Black Episcopalians, Chicago Chapter. Make your check payable to "UBE Chicago Chapter" and send to Chapter Treasurer, Jim Moore, 5145 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago IL 60615. For further information and questions, call Alice Brown (773) 643-5162 or email alice.brown@ameritech.net

Pre-Parliament Event at UIC

Professor Joy Murphy Wandin, senior woman of the Wurundieri People of Australia, will be the keynote speaker at the Pre-Parliament Event of the Council for a Parliament of World's Religions on **Sunday, December 7** at the University of Illinois at Chicago Forum. This afternoon and evening event will include lectures, panel discussions, music, performances and dinner. For information contact Cecilia Guerrero at (312) 629-2990 ext 237 or Cecilia@parliamentofreligions.org The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions will be held December 3-9, 2009 in Melbourne, Australia. More information at <http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/>

Using online registration on the diocesan website:

If you would like to arrange online payment on the diocesan website for your event registration fee, you should plan your rates to include a 5 percent charge to cover payment gateway and merchandise account fees. The online payment feature has been used for diocesan events including Whose Church is it anyway?, the MDG summit, and the Beijing Circles presentation. For more information contact David Skidmore at the Office of Communication.

The presidential campaigns don't have a monopoly on the change mantra. Bishop Lee has offered his framework for our work on God's mission:

Grow the Church Form the Faithful Change the World

We will be hearing more about this at Convention.

during 2009 to accommodate expanded programming. The Site Director will assist with on-site registration and testing, organize practice sessions with English and Spanish speakers, maintain attendance records, respond to inquiries from the public, and respond to any emergencies in an appropriate, prompt and discreet manner. The Site Director will interact with and provide support to the adult education teachers assigned by Malcolm X College. The Site Director will function in other duties as assigned. Send resume and cover letter to The Rev. Sandra Castillo 773/235-1161 sca652@yahoo.com

WEBNOTES

Episcopal Charities and Community Services has its own website now at <http://www.eccsonline.net/>